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## THE GOLDEN KEYS

"A bunch of Golden Keys is mine,  
To make each day with gladness shine,  
'Good morning', that's the golden key,  
That unlocks every door for me.  
When evening comes, 'Good-night' I say,  
And close the door of each glad day.  
When at the table, 'If you please'  
I take from off my bunch of keys.  
When friends give any thing to me,  
I'll use the little 'Thank you' key.  
'Excuse me, 'Beg you pardon,' too,  
When by mistake some harm I do,  
Or if unkindly harm I've given,  
With 'Forgive me?' I shall be forgiven.  
On a golden ring these keys I'll bind  
This is its motto 'Be ye kind.'  
I'll often use each golden key  
And then a child polite I'll be."

RICHARD DAVIS TO MR. CAMPBELL.

WEST GROVE, PA. 9 mo, 6, '88.

MY DEAR FRIEND:

Yours received. So far we are getting on well. Have been visiting friends at Downingtown and Phila.

If you had made your way here when you were out among the farm boys you would very likely have found me painting our old house that is a hundred and forty-six years old.

Along the west side of it, the figures 1742, are made of black brick and laid in with the other bricks so as to show 1742, and the figures are very large and show plainly.

The house is two stories high and is in the shape of the letter L. Its walls are strongly built, with a slate roofing. All of the bricks were imported from England. The wood part only is wearing out and has been repaired in some places. We have finished the red painting part and are now striping it white. At the beginning of this month the regular dairyman left, and so now I have to be responsible for that place. I have to be very active in getting our cream to the station; and in skimming, I have to be very careful to get

cream only, for if I don't the parties we send to will growl at us.

Remembering us to all, I am,

Yours Truly,

RICHARD DAVIS.

## No wonder Indians get along slowly.

Dr. Johnson, a lady physician at Hampton School, in the *Southern Workman* gives an account of her visits to the different agencies. She says: "Rations are issued once a week; about enough sugar, coffee, bacon and soap, to last one day, but most of the Indians spend three days in getting it—one day en route to the agency, one while there, visiting and having a good time, and a third in returning to their homes." Would not these three days each week show better results at the end of the summer if spent in breaking, planting, and cultivating their farms?"

## Willard Married.

In a letter to one of the officers of the school, Jos. Schweigman says, Willard S. Bear got married about two weeks ago and is living with his father at Rosebud Dak., and is doing nicely, he has got a very nice little woman and I think they will live very happy together.

Luther is out in the country working. We had the band from Genoa School, last week, they are learning to play very fast, but I wish we could have the Carlisle Band. I think we could make our sand hills shake.

If you were here this minute you would hear lots of shooting, the Indians are drawing their beef to-day. I wish you could come out and see this wild country.

The difference between a journalist and an editor is, the journalist is a man who writes things for the newspapers. The editor is the man who leaves out what the journalist writes.

If you do not receive your HELPER promptly, let us know at once. If your name is wrongly spelled on the wrapper, write and have the mistake corrected. In a large mail list mistakes will occur, but they will be corrected promptly if we are notified.



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## THE SIOUX BILL.

**WILL THE INDIANS BE CHEATED IF THEY SIGN THE ACT?**

**What they will receive if they sign.**

The present bill provides that the Sioux Nation shall receive 25,000 cows and not less than 1,000 bulls; each head of a family, and every child over eighteen years of age, shall receive in addition to his or her land, two milch cows, one pair of oxen with yoke and chain, one plow, one wagon, one harrow, one hoe, one axe, one pitchfork—all suitable to do the work they may have to do—and \$20 in cash. And for two years the necessary seed shall be provided to plant five acres of ground into different crops; and in the purchase of that seed preference shall be given to the Indians who have raised such seed for sale.

And, besides all this, one million of dollars shall be set apart in the Treasury of the United States at Washington to the credit of the Sioux Nation of Indians, the interest of which, at five per cent, per annum, shall be appropriated under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior to the use of these Indians. And the land when sold will bring \$5,000,000, all of which is to be used for the Indians.

The school facilities, which expire this winter, it being the last of the twenty years promised in 1868, are to be continued twenty years more. On every reservation thirty school houses, or as many more as may be necessary, shall be built by the Secretary of the Interior at once.

Where is the white man who would think he was cheated if all these things were given him besides a big farm?

Walter Guerrier writes that he is living at Rosebud Agency, and wishes to have his HELPER sent there. He says he is doing all right.

September number of *The Red Man* will be mailed Saturday. It contains among other interesting reading matter extracts from the recent warm discussion in Congress of the Oklahoma Bill. "Reservations, Ancient and Modern" by a well known writer is to the point. "In the Indian Service," written especially for the *Red Man*. Communications from live workers at different Indian Agencies;

Carlos Montezumas story of himself, besides a lot of most excellent extracts from the July reports of pupils on farms, and letters from Indian pupils, are all good. The Indian Commission now at Dakota and what is said of it by other papers, will be found in its columns. Every one should have *The Red Man*. Send for it! Single copy five cents, or fifty cents a year.

A subscriber from Mercersburg writes in reference to our little paper that "good goods always come in small packages" and she values the HELPER as such a package. She missed her copy last week by mistake and felt the loss so much that a very encouraging letter to us was the result. We thank her for the letter and will try to be careful in mailing her paper, as well as every other subscriber's.

The Indian Nines of the Genoa School, Neb., expect to go to Omaha to play several games with the clubs of that place. They have also challenged the Chinese Base Ball Club of San Francisco for a game.

Frank Twiss renewed his subscription for the *Red Man*, this week. Frank is at Pine Ridge Agency, Dak. and has taken both the HELPER and *Red Man* ever since he left the school several years ago.

**How to Learn to Speak English.**

Watch yourself. Criticise yourself. Get some friend to correct you. Say over the thing correctly till it is impossible to make a mistake.

If the boys and girls hear anything that would be interesting to the readers of the INDIAN HELPER please speak to one of the Man-on-the-band-stand's clerks about it. Of course the Man-on-the-band-stand knows every thing that goes on, but he does not always tell his clerks. Any kind of news will be acceptable, if true. Let us make our INDIAN HELPER one of the most interesting little papers in the country both to our own pupils and to outsiders. Our boys and girls can help if they will.



What is the matter with the lawn-mowers?

Dr. Given has gone to Indian Territory for pupils.

Five wagons were shipped Saturday to points in the west.

The farmers will be in to-morrow, and we hope all with good records.

Capt. Pratt arrived yesterday from the west. He remains but a short time.

The wagon-makers are at work on a new coach for the use of the school.

Wish there would be a general debating society for all hands this winter.

Mrs. Jennings stopped on her way south to spend a short time with her sister, Mrs. Pratt.

Why is it that more scraps accumulate on the girls' play-ground than all of the rest of the parade?

Mr. Mason Pratt is engaged in superintending the laying of a street car railway at Washington, D. C.

The new building is a constant object lesson to our pupils who watch the work with a great deal of interest.

Lida Standing renewed her subscription to the HELPER. We wish all of our little friends would renew as promptly.

Miss Marion Pratt returned home on Tuesday morning after having had a pleasant visit among friends at and near Jamestown, N. Y.

Sophia Metoxen sends us a nice letter, telling of the pleasant times she and Amelia Haswell have had during the summer at their farm home.

Let us not forget the seven things which Dr. Rittenhouse asked us to study to repeat on next Sunday. They are found in, II. Pet. 1 chap. 5, 6, 7, ver.

Boys, boys, on the girls' play-ground again? Have you not enough territory of your own without trespassing on the rights of others? Do you want the whole earth?

Another club from Celicia Wheelock this week. Celicia is a real business woman. She says she intends to send more names. The Man-on-the-band-stand is proud of all such business girls and boys.

After the skilful training in singing, our scholars received from Mrs. Campbell last year, it is fair to suppose that they will do even better this year, though we sometimes thought the singing could not be better.

Several of the boys have come to the wearing of glasses.

Roger Dudzarda, Apache, died on Sunday of hemorrhage from the lungs.

Maggie Jordan is away for a ten day's visit among friends at Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

Mr. George Foulk has gone off for a few days' rest. Faithful George deserves it.

Doesn't the boy who has charge of the ringing of the school bell know how to tell time?

There are 12,000 children of school age in Phila., who cannot be accommodated in the public schools.

William Springer will exhibit his splendid harness at the Cumberland County Fair, which will be soon.

Mr. Foulke's black dog went to market without a muzzle on and the dog-catchers caught him and put him in the pound.

Study hour should be two hours at least, every student capable of reading in the Third Reader should study two hours out of school.

Look out for "snits and kenep" some day for dinner. Miss Noble has been talking about it. The Man-on-the-band-stand heard her.

Mr. Jordan went to Wilkesbarre to attend a meeting of the G. U. O. of O. F., to which he belongs. He was elected chairman of the order by a large majority.

Study hour began on Monday evening, the first half-hour given to study, the second, to singing. The Seniors, attend singing school on Monday, the Juniors on Tuesday and the Fresh's on Wednesday evening.

The printers were favored last week with treats. First came peaches, then cantaloupes, and the feasting was ended by a grand treat of watermelon from Dennison Wheelock. The boys smacked their lips and said "Thankee."

WANTED—AT THE PRINTING OFFICE, several copies of INDIAN HELPER, Vol. 3, No. 48, dated July 13. If any of our employes or pupils have the above and do not wish to keep them, please send them to us.—[Ed.]

The Reading Room at the Large Boys' Quarters is again in excellent shape. Things were at loose ends for a while during vacation. They now have a file of 124 publications, of which the boys have free use in the room. There are twelve dailies and the rest are popular weeklies and monthlies, such as, Frank Leslie's, Harper's Weekly, Harper's Young People, St. Nicholas, etc.



#### ADVICE FROM A SCHOOL MATE.

"It is important for us to make new resolutions for our new school year.

We must attempt to master our lessons this year, that our progress may grow rapidly; that partition after partition may be knocked out to make room for our new school year's progress.

Let us bear in mind that the time to labor is now, and the "Barrel of Knowledge" is opened to us by our Grandpa, Mr. M. O. T. B. Stand."

We hope the person giving the above advice will be as ready to take it to himself as he is to give it to others.

Santee Normal Training School issues a notice in this month's *Iapi Oaye* to the effect that the use of tobacco is hereafter entirely forbidden in the school, and any who do not agree to abstain from its use will be excluded. Heretofore its use has been forbidden in all buildings belonging to the school, and its use has been emphatically discouraged elsewhere. It is said that everyone of the native ministers connected with the Indian churches (Congregational and Presbyterian) has given up the use of the weed.

The Japanese are very fond of flowers, and if they have but the tiniest bit of land for a garden spot, they make the most of it. The little boys and girls do not leave any of their things about in the garden but keep everything neat and clean.

Might we not learn something of neatness from the far-a-way Japanese?

A subscriber sends us the old version of last week's poem.

Tender-hearted stroke a nettle  
And it stings you for your fears;  
Grasp it like a man of mettle  
And it soft as down appears.

Genl. Von Moltke in his eighty-eighth year, resigns the position which he has held for more than twenty years—Chief-of-Staff of the Prussian Armies.

A true man never frets about his place in the world, but just slides into it by the gravitation of his nature, and swings there as easily as a star.

"The law of progress is inexorable. That which is not going forward is going backward. There is no standing still."

Sloth makes all things difficult, but industry all easy, and he that riseth late must trot all day.

#### Our Old Pupils.

Thomas Wagimah, who left us last spring has started a little bootshop among his own people at Garden River. We advanced him a little money to buy stock, which he is repaying in instalments, and he had a few dollars in the Savings Bank. He tells us that the White people are employing him to do their repairs as well as the Indian.—*Our Forset Children* Pub. at the Saulte Ste Marie Indian School.

Rub the mucilage-side of postage stamps on your hair before mailing them, then they will not stick together.

The electric light in the light-house at Sydney, Australia, is said to be the largest in the world.

It is said that no one can arrest the flight of Time, but who is there is not able to stop a minute?

Did you ever see a horse-fly in a store, and a cow slip through the fence?

What fish are fit only for the lunatic asylum?

A snail climbing up a post twenty feet high, ascends five feet every day, and slips down four feet every night. How long will the snail take to reach the top of the post?

ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S WORD-BUILDING:—Cur, cure, curl, curfew, curate, curd, curt, curb.

**STANDING OFFER.**—For FIVE new subscribers to the *INDIAN HELPER*, we will give the person sending them a photographic group of the 13 Carlisle Indian Printer boys, on a card  $4\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{1}{2}$  inches, worth 20 cents when sold by itself. Name and tribe of each boy given.

(Persons wishing the above premium will please enclose a 1-cent stamp to pay postage.)

For TEN, Two PHOTOGRAPHS, one showing a group of Pueblos as they arrived in wild dress, and another of the same pupils three years after; or, for the same number of names we give two photographs showing still more marked contrast between a Navajoe as he arrived in native dress, and as he now looks, worth 20 cents apiece.

Persons wishing the above premiums will please enclose a 2-cent stamp to pay postage.)

For FIFTEEN, we offer a GROUP of the WHOLE school on  $9 \times 14$  inch card. Faces show distinctly, worth sixty cents.

Persons wishing the above premium will please send 5 cents to pay postage.

Persons sending clubs must send all the names at once.

At the Carlisle Indian School, is published monthly an eight-page quarto of standard size, called **The Red Man**, the mechanical part of which is done entirely by Indian boys. This paper is valuable as a summary of information on Indian matters and contains writings by Indian pupils, and local incidents of the school. Terms: Fifty cents a year, in advance.

For 1, 2, and 3, subscribers for **The Red Man** we give the same premiums offered in Standing Offer for the *HELPER*.

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